



Dear International Students,

Below please find USF's current responses as of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to the evolving COVID-19 situation and your many questions. If you have any additional questions, please let us know. As always, please pay attention to your email, the USF website, and other emergency communications from USF as the situation continues to progress. We will do our best to keep you updated on any developments ASAP.

As of now, classes are still scheduled to resume in face-to-face format on April 13. If you leave the US and return to your home country, USF will make every effort to support you in completing coursework this Spring 2020 semester. When USF resumes face-to-face courses, you will once again be expected to return to SEVIS' online course limitations if you remain in the US.

If you are not able to re-enter the US in a future semester due to a continuing travel ban, we will work with you at that time to discuss possibilities for your academic program. Please note that global travel is likely to be restricted for some time until the COVID-19 virus can be contained. Once classes are offered on campus in future semesters, online courses will likely NOT be an option, especially for undergraduate courses. Please know that this is a new situation for all of us and we are working diligently to provide updated information and possibilities every day.

If you feel ill, please call the wellness center or security and they will advise you of next steps. If any students (international or not) exhibit symptoms of illness and are living on campus, they will be quarantined in order to protect other residents. We will work with you to ensure you are taken care of during the quarantine period.

If you are an athlete, please remember to consult with **both** Athletics and the International Programs Office before making any decisions to leave the country so you can understand all possible implications for your academic program and for athletics. Athletics scholarships will not be affected for the Spring 2020 semester.

As always, we are here for you and are working to answer your questions to the best of our ability during this unprecedented situation, so please keep asking!

Best wishes,

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